

Mrs. Raines' Puzzles QWIRL & CHURN

FOR ADULTS WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR
and linguists with none

Finding Churn and Qwirl Terms

Find search words/expressions placed in **box**, **cascading Z**, **diamond**, **heart**, **spiral/reverse spiral**, **stair step**, **triangle**, and **zigzag** patterns.

Boxes (rectangle & square) - any length and width.

Cascading Z(s) must be complete. Two or more Zs will interlock evenly.
Directions: up-down, down-up, sideways, backward (including spelling).

Diamonds, **hearts** and **triangles** almost always have unused letters in the center. First letter can be anywhere in the shape, then travel CW or CCW. Hearts and triangles can face any direction.

Spirals/reverse spirals - CW or CCW, coiling around themselves, letters touching, no gaps. When in-to-out, second letter can occur anywhere adjacent to the first (straight above, below, sideways, or diagonal if 9 letters or less). Out-to-in = reverse spiral. Square or rectangular in shape.

Stair steps - double-lettered steps found in Gone Qwirls only. Any direction.

Zigzags - only diagonals. Any length, width, direction. No backtracking. Often uneven; on rare occasions may be evenly stepped with single letters.

BAE BEAST
(box/square)

DIAMONDS
(diamond)

NINCOMPOOPERY
(CCW reverse spiral)

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BUMFUZZLING
(cascading ZZs)

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RECTANGLE FUN
(box/rectangle)

ITSA QWIRL
(CW spiral, 9 letters)

HABROMANIA
(sideways heart)

VERBARIAN
(zigzag)

STAIR STEPS
(Gone Qwirl only)

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Notes

- Some terms are **cannibals**. First and last letters are the same and may share a cell. Otherwise adheres to patterns above. Example, ROSA RIPPER (CCW spiral):

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- Occasionally a 'cannibal' may intersect itself elsewhere. You'll figure it out 🤔

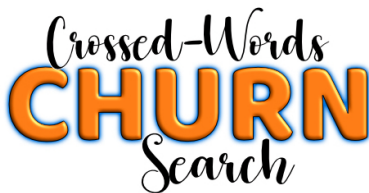
- Words/expressions may **overlap** each other on grids by one or more letters.
- **Answer keys** - **blue** terms overlap with **yellow** terms (and sometimes other **blues**) at **green** letters. Solitary words are generally shades of **pink**, **red**, **purple**, or **orange**.
- **Recommended: underlining** and **circling terms** works well, as does marking with different colors and highlighters. Many letters are re-used, so crossing out them can get messy.
- Some **Qwirl** (but not Churn) words and expressions are **figmentacious**. Any resemblance to curses or your bank password is purely coincidental.

Definitions



Shaped-words searches:

Find listed terms in grid. No straight lines.



Crossed-words searches:

Solve the clues, find shaped answers in grid.

Are you ready?

Some Churn and Qwirl puzzles have **extra words** that allow you to unlock secret **phrases, poems, and/or freebies**.